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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, MORG, KS, AS
SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF AUSTRALIAN OFFICER TO UNC REAR

REF: STATE 51744 (DTG 282246Z FEB 78)

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FIRM INDICATIONS FROM THREE DIFFERENT SOURCES IN BOTH DFA AND ADOD THAT GOA WILL APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF AUSTRALIAN COMPONENT TO UNC REAR WITHIN RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE.
2. DELAY FROM INITIALLY ANTICIPATED MID-FEBRUARY APPROVAL STEMS FROM GOA PREOCCUPATION (WHICH WAS PRETTY NEAR TOTAL) WITH WEEK-LONG REGIONAL HEADS OF COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS IN SYDNEY DURING THIRD WEEK IN FEBRUARY, AND RECONVENING OF PARLIAMENT LAST WEEK. CABINET APPROVAL FOR THE DETAIL IS REQUIRED, AND CABINET HAS ONLY JUST NOW REGROUPED.

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3. FYI, WE GATHER THAT THE GOA, SEEKING THE LEAST EXPENSIVE WAY OF ACCOMMODATING US IN THIS MATTER, WILL PROBABLY SIMPLY ACCREDIT ONE OR PERHAPS TWO OF THEIR MILITARY PERSONNEL ALREADY IN JAPAN TO UNC REAR. IT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE SOMEONE ON THE ATTACHE STAFF AT THEIR EMBASSY IN TOKYO, BUT MIGHT BE A MIDDLE GRADE OFFICER ATTENDING A MID-CAREER DEFENSE SCHOOL. EITHER

WAY, WE GATHER THE GOA IS THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING
LESS THAN A FULL-TIME DETAIL TO UNC REAR. DOES THIS
GIVE US ANY PROBLEMS?
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